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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners Hardy, Golc, Landis, Server and Ziegner

FROM: E. Curtis Gassert, Director, Water/Sewer Division

DATE: January 15, 2009

RE: Utility Articles for Next Conference

The following Preliminary Article "A" is submitted to each of you to acquaint you with the tariff eligible for action or acceptance on or after January 21, 2009.

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"A" Preliminary

The following new miscellaneous item has been reviewed by staff members of the Commission and we recommend accepting it for filing.

1. Ellettsville Municipal Water Utility

The utility proposes to increase its tap fee, reconnect charge and insufficient funds charge. It also proposes to add an after hours reconnection charge, an after hours emergency service charge, a meter deposit charge and a charge for taps located on the opposite side of the road to its tariff. In addition to these changes, the utility proposes to add four new tap fees for the 5/8" x ¾" Meter tap, with each charge representing a different circumstance.

For section (d) of the tariff, the traditional meter tap fee is titled "5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap" and has been increased to $980.00 from $240.00. The four new tap charges are all titled 5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap but with an additional description. The first new charge titled "no excavation" represents a new structure where the builder excavated the site for the meter pit and service line. The second new charge titled "pre-installed" represents a structure with a service line stub just outside the structure with no excavation. The third new charge titled "pre-installed, no excavation" represents a structure with the area excavated for the meter pit and service line where the service line has been installed. The fourth new charge titled "water service only" represents a structure adding a second meter for irrigation purposes. As a result of the added charges, the utility also proposes to change the language of its tariff.

Current language:

> Each user at the time he is connected with the waterworks system shall pay a charge to cover the costs of: excavating and tapping the main; furnishing and installing service pipe from the main to the lot line; furnishing and installing corporation and stop cocks; and furnishing and installing meter crock (if outside), yoke, and meter. The charge for a 5/8 inch meter tap shall be $240.00. The charge for a tap larger than the 5/8 inch meter tap shall be the cost of labor, materials, power machinery, transportation, and overhead incurred for installing the tap, but shall not be less than the charge for a 5/8 inch meter tap.

Proposed language:

> The charge for a tap larger than the 5/8 inch meter shall be the cost of labor, materials, power machinery, transportation, and overhead incurred for installing the tap, but shall not be less than the charge for a 5/8 inch meter tap.
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> (1) The charge for road boring labor and equipment to connect the tap to a water line that is on the opposite side of the road shall be $585.00.

The proposed tariff page also added an After Hours charge to item (e) Reconnection Charge, item (h) After Hours Emergency Service Charge, and item (i) Meter Deposit. Item (h) indicates "This charge will be made for any trip made after hours to the customers premise, at the request of the customer, for conditions on the customer's side." Item (i) states "This refundable deposit is to be paid for new services."

The reason for these changes is due to increased labor and material costs to perform service to its customers. The current and proposed charges can be found in the table below. Cost support has been provided.

Ellettsville Municipal Water Utility

	Current	Proposed
(d) Tap Charge		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap	$240.00	$980.00
5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap, no excavation	N/A	$685.00
5/8" x3/4" Meter tap, pre-installed	N/A	$895.00
5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap, pre-installed, no excavation	N/A	$600.00
5/8" x 3/4" Meter tap, water service only	N/A	$430.00
Additional fee for taps on opposite side of road	N/A	$585.00
(e) Reconnection Charge		
Business hours	$20.00	$40.00
After hours	N/A	$80.00
(f) Insufficient Funds Charge	$20.00	$29.00
(h) After Hours Emergency Service Charge	N/A	$60.00
(i) Meter Deposit	N/A	$30.00

The tariff sheet affected by this filing is:

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Please indicate your consideration and action of the preceding items on the appropriate lines provided below.

E. Curtis Gassert, Director
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I approve of all items as presented above

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I approve of all items as presented above except

_____
Not participating in the following items

I, _____, Disapprove Items

No.

I, _____, Wish to Defer Items

No.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the action on the articles.

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Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission